# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, March is Music In Our Schools Month, the special month each year when we call attention to the importance of music education in our schools and celebrate the joy of music making by singing, playing and performing with students and peers; and,

***Whereas***, Music is a vital part of the culture, and the students of South Dakota are proving themselves to be great music-producing and music-loving individuals; and,

***Whereas***, It is incumbent upon all of us to join together to advance the cause of music as an art and harmonious force and to extend the radius of its influence among schools, groups and individuals; and,

***Whereas***, The pursuit of music, whether it be through studying, composing, listening, performing or participating, gives rich experience in human life; and,

***Whereas***, Music In Our Schools Month provides an opportunity for musical forces, as well as religious and educational civic groups, to join music lovers in emphasizing the joys and pleasures to be gained from making music:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2007 as

## *MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH*

in South Dakota, as music lovers across the state celebrate the theme, "Music Touches Lives."

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State